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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

It is the same eternal question. And how often will it be asked! Just as long and as often as Christmas comes. You will be asked thousands more and little children will be answered and reassured and made happy just as was the little girl who put her question to the great editor, Charles A. Dana. She sought high authority when someone had caused her faith in childhood's patron saint to fall, and this is what that famous editor wrote her. It is the best answer that we know:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."—Nogales Democrat.

In stressing its inability to pay Germany apparently overlooks its inner-ability.

The real problem in the cities will be faced when there are no places left to build garages.

The man who goes out to hit the high spots should be sure that his tires are puncture-proof.

Spanking week for children is suggested, but if all reports are true it ought to include a lot of parents.

Verbal endurance tests would be shorter in domestic life if only the wife insisted on having the last word.

A henna now and then is relished by the wisest women.

SKID CHAINS

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Bank Account
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ARIZONA BUSINESS REVIEW

General conditions in the state continued to improve during November, practically all lines reporting increases over October, which was considered one of the best months of the year.

There were no developments in agriculture worth mentioning. Hay prices made further advances, and both short and long staple cotton held their own as compared with the previous month.

Sheep men have had a successful season, with prospects good for another. Rains and snows have been encouraging to cattlemen, and ranges generally are in good shape. Conditions in the Los Angeles cattle market as a result of the opening of the Union Stock Cards are causing concern in the cattle industry, and buyers are needed in many sections.

A serious shortage of railroad cars in northern Arizona handicapped stockmen, lumber mills and other industries.

The price of copper stiffened in November, and few offers are reported—14 cents a pound. Sales were in fair volume, and several increases in production were made.

There is a small surplus of unskilled labor in some localities, employment is at a minimum.

TROGLIO JURY DISAGREE

After having been out for about two hours, the jury in Judge Craig's court in Bisbee where the case was taken on a change of venue from the local justice court, were discharged, having been unable to agree.

Troglio was charged with carrying concealed weapons, the charge growing out of an altercation which took place in the Tombstone Auto company some time ago. Following this disturbance Troglio was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder on the person of Tony Giacomini. The jury in this case disagreed, standing, it was reported, 11 to 1 for conviction. At the second trial of Troglio the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The defendant was then arrested on the latter charge, and as the jury in the justice court could not agree Saturday afternoon, another hearing of the case will be held this week.

NO AUTHORIZATION GIVEN FOR GRAZING OF CLASS OF STOCK

TUCSON, Dec. 10.—For the first time in the history of the Coronado forest service, no authorization has been received this year for the grazing of sheep and goats on this forest. Lack of demand for such permits has caused the department to do away with the privilege. It was stated yesterday by Hugh G. Calkins, supervisor of the Coronado forest.

In past years large numbers of goats have been grazed on this forest although there were never many sheep there. Last year the department of agriculture authorized the grazing of 3000 head of sheep and goats, but almost none were placed on the land, so the department has withdrawn the authorization.

DR. WRIGHT INVENTS INSTRUMENT FOR USE ON SNAKE BITES

DOUGLAS, Dec. 7.—Patent papers on a device for preventing serious consequences from snake bites are in the possession of Dr. F. T. Wright, surgeon of Douglas, who invented the instrument.

The first supply of the instruments to reach Douglas being sold by the Douglas Drug company, agent for the device.

The invention has the approval of many surgeons and will promptly extract effected portions in case of venomous snake bite.

The price of the instrument is reasonable and will prove a valued assurance to the life of people in snake infested portions of the country.

MILLS CASE BEGINS IN SUPERIOR COURT

This morning at 9:30 the case of the State vs. Paul Mills, charged with stealing several head of horses in the Sulphur Springs valley several months ago, was begun in Department 1 of the Superior Court, before Judge Lockwood. The case was postponed Saturday morning owing to the illness of Attorney J. T. Kingsbury, who represents Mills.

By 11 o'clock this morning the jury had been selected and the introduction of testimony began following the morning recess.

Up to a late hour this afternoon the state had not completed its case, but from all indications will have finished by adjournment at 5 o'clock.

It is expected that the case will occupy the greater part of tomorrow as there are many witnesses on both sides.

This morning Judge Lockwood sentenced Clarence Nelson, who was charged with burglary, committed at Douglas some time ago, to serve not more than three years in the state prison at Florence.

Pedro Abila, an aged Mexican, who at some time suffered the misfortune of losing one of his legs, was given a suspended sentence of ten years, provided he leave the United States in 48 hours. Abila was grateful to the court and assured His Honor that he would not need but half of the allotted time, heading straight for the land of his birth where he proposes to spend the remainder of his days, not astride of horses belonging to others. Abila was charged with stealing a horse in the vicinity of Douglas.

In Department 2 of the Superior court, Judge Albert M. Sames heard the case of Page vs. Jackson, a suit on account, taking the matter under advisement until later in the day.

The case of the Southwest Lumber company vs. W. W. Adams et al, was also heard by Judge Sames this afternoon.

RECORD WEEK IN MARRIAGE LICENSES

Last week was a record one in the issuance of marriage licenses, when eleven couples appeared in the office of Clerk J. E. James, of the Superior Court, applying for bliss tickets. This is the largest number issued in one week for many months. Following are the last week's victims:

Arthur Virgil Mercer of Oracle, and Joyce Nora Adams of Douglas.

F. H. Ward of Pueblo, Colo., and Pauline Hagan of Bisbee.

Ample S. Orton and Esther B. Mitchell, both of Bisbee.

Ray Edgar Wilson and Ruth Louise Sparks, both of Douglas.

Jack Water and Dorothy McDonald, both of Lowell.

Alfred L. Hart and Willie E. Qualls, both of Lowell.

John Cerón and Elena Aguirre, both of Warren.

Virgil Greenlee and Loretta Stage, both of Douglas.

Wm. Wrightman of Bluewater, N. M., and Willie Kelly of Monte Vista.

Simman Smith and May Hall, both of Douglas.

SLEEPY WATCHMAN IS BLAMED FOR MEXICO CITY WATER TROUBLES

NOGALES, Dec. 10.—Jack O'Keefe has returned from Mexico City, where he has been playing with the Sonora baseball team, which has been making a tour of Mexico.

He reports the water situation in the City of Mexico very serious.

The city was supposed to have employed three shifts on the pumps of the water plant. Investigation disclosed the fact that the pumping station was run by just one individual, in the person of an old man who came on at 7 a. m., and remained until 11 p. m., when the pumps were shut down until the following morning.

The old man fell asleep at his post and the pumps which are of very old type, and practically on their last legs broke down and the city has been almost without water, except that supplied by the public buildings which are wholly inadequate to the demand for the last twenty days.

"Water is being hoarded and sold at unheard of prices, if indeed it can be procured at all," O'Keefe said.

Not long ago a large mob gathered and stormed the council chamber

where the aldermen were in session. The police were called and shot down sixteen before the rest could get out of gun shot and away.

"In retaliation the Palacio Municipal was again the scene of mob violence and everything inside the building was burned to ashes."

POSSE FAILS TO FIND BOY LOST IN MOUNTAINS

TUCSON, Dec. 7.—After two days' fruitless search with bloodhounds for the 17-year-old son of F. Pascoe, of Clifton, who has been lost in the mountains east of Clifton since Wednesday, November 29, David Wilson, deputy sheriff, was forced to give up the attempt yesterday on account of a storm, which wiped out the trail. He returned to Tucson yesterday evening.

A posse of 40 men from Clifton were engaged with Wilson in the search for young Pascoe, and an additional posse of 20 left Tuesday night to assist in the search.

The boy became separated from his companion on a hunting trip and is now believed to be somewhere between Clifton and the Mogollon mountains.

TENDERFOOT TO BE WELCOME AT BIG FETE

PHOENIX, Dec. 7.—Phoenix is to stage a new sort of celebration on the Arizona Admission day, February 14, when the newcomers, the tenderfoot, is to be the guest of the community and given large entertainment. About the same time will be the annual pioneers' celebration. No one will have standing notice of 35 years' residence. Hundreds of autos will be at the command of the new arrivals and there will be a program that will include welcoming addresses at the capitol from the governor and the mayor.

FINANCE EDITOR WILL WRITE ON ARIZ. INDUSTRY

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Albert W. Atwood, editorial writer for the Saturday Evening Post, and numbered among the foremost financial writers of this country, recently returned from a short business trip to Jerome and spent yesterday in this city as the guest of A. H. Favour and Arthur G. Baker.

Mr. Atwood, who graduated from Amhurst university in the same class with Mr. Favour and Mr. Baker is spending the winter in Tucson and making trips throughout the state in the interests of a series of articles on the financial industries in this state which he is preparing and which will be published in the Saturday Evening Post.

The articles dealing with the financial resources of the state will cover the mines, ranches, power projects and all other producing industries in Arizona.

Mr. Atwood began his career as a writer with the New York Sun and later, with the New York Press, where he was financial editor. For the last several years he has been with the Post and has been on that publication's roll of special writers.

BOY MYSTERIOUSLY INJURED PICKED UP IN PHOENIX STREET

PHOENIX, Dec. 9.—The victim of an unexplained accident, Harold Durant, of 314 N. 14th street, was found wandering about in a dazed and semi-conscious condition in the neighborhood of Tenth street and McDowell road about 10 o'clock last night.

The boy was recognized by Dr. Wilkinson, who found that he was suffering from a blow of some sort on the back of his head and he was taken to his home. Durant could give no account of how the accident happened, and he failed to recognize the members of his family. His father is a conductor in the employ of the Arizona Eastern, and stated that the boy left home on a bicycle early last evening.

The affair was investigated by the police department, but no trace of the wheel had been found last night, and nothing discovered which might throw any light on the manner in which Durant's injuries were sustained. The boy is under the care of a physician at his home.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN LAND SUIT BACA FLOAT

NOGALES, Dec. 9.—In an action before the superior court of Nogales this morning, judgment was awarded to Cornelius C. Watts and Dabney C. T. Davis, acting as trustees against Roy Sorrels and others for the amount of \$170,035.10.

The mortgage held by the plaintiffs against Sorrels for the purchase of lands on the Baca Float was justified by foreclosure and lands held by Sorrels reverted to former ownership.

The case was tried before Judge W. A. O'Connor, plaintiffs represented by Attorney S. L. Kingan of Tucson and defendants by Barry, Hardy & Hardy.

This is one of the largest cases that has been tried in the courts of Santa Cruz for years, not only involving many thousands of dollars but a vast tract of land on one of the most disputed old Spanish grants in the southwest.

HEAD OF COPPER COMPANY PREDICTS BETTER BUSINESS

DOUGLAS, Dec. 11.—"Optimistically pessimistic" is the way Gordon R. Campbell of Calumet, Mich., president of the Calumet & Arizona Mining company, feels. Campbell is in the district, the guest of General Manager John C. Greenway, and came here for the annual meeting of C. and A. stockholders and directors.

CLEANING UP

The contractor is cleaning up the odds and ends of the paving leftovers and Allen street is assuming a very neat appearance as a result. It is now up to the marshal to see that sweepings and trash are not thrown out the front doors, but it is assumed that pride of the people will keep them from doing this. The Huachuca Water Company has hauled in crushed tailing rocks on their sidewalk and placed it back of the curb, giving a very neat dressing. They also placed similar stuff around the fire plugs at the corner of Fourth and Fifth streets on Allen. It is now up to the property owners to figure out the best dressing up to place in between the curb and sidewalk space. The water falling from spouts must be taken care of. If the water shoots past the curb it will be good and well, but if not, a hole will be washed in the space, unless a small extension is placed on the spouting.

CREW WORKING

DOUGLAS, Dec. 10.—A road gang, provided with all necessary machinery and equipment is now located on the Slaughter ranch road, carrying out the program of the county highway department to improve that route and provide better access to the Animas district of New Mexico, it was stated this morning by John Hart, chairman of the board of supervisors, and Sid Smyth, county engineer.

FEDERAL OFFICER

CAPTURES MISCAL
SMUGGLING GANG

BISBEE, Dec. 10.—Manuel Moreno, Rafael Yanez, Rafael Tuillas, Refugio Riva, Miguel Yanez and Jose Yanez were picked up near Osborn last night by Immigration Inspector Buchanan of Naco, with a quantity of miscal in their possession.

Buchanan had a tip in Naco that a bunch of Mexicans would cross the line near Osborn with a quantity of miscal. He went up there and found the six Mexicans sitting around a camp fire. He secured the aid of the section foreman at Osborn and sent word to Bisbee for local officers to join him.

Officer Steger and Immigration Officer Brawley, who happened to be in Bisbee, went down. When they arrived, Buchanan had the Mexicans lined up about the fire and was walking around them with a gun in his hand. The Mexicans were loaded into autos and brought to Bisbee. They had about 25 gallons of miscal in their possession. Most of it was in tin cans and canteens. One Mexican had seven 2-quart hot water bottles filled with the liquor. They admitted that they had come from Agua Prieta and had crossed the line below Osborn.

Goldfield—Young Mines company to install mill of 500 tons capacity.

ALL ARIZONA RACE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY PLAN ON STATE FAIR TRACK

PHOENIX, Dec. 10.—New Year's day will usher in a new era for Arizona speed demons. At a meeting of the Arizona Speedway association it was decided that only Arizona cars and Arizona drivers would be permitted to participate in races conducted by them.

It was proven the last day of the state fair that local drivers could attract larger crowds than any group of nationally known drivers with all their high priced cars. The grandstand was jammed to capacity, which is better than any previous crowd at an auto race here.

The races New Year's day will be better as the drivers have ample time to prepare their cars. The time will be much faster and it is possible that some records may be shattered.

MICHAEL OHL DIED OF PNEUMONIA

County Attorney J. F. Ross, who returned home late Saturday afternoon from Dos Cabezas, where he went to conduct an examination into the death of Michael Ohl, old time resident of Dos Cabezas, following receipt of a report here that there was some feeling in that vicinity that Ohl had met with foul play. A thorough investigation failed to reveal any possibility of such an occurrence, according to Mr. Ross, it being evident that the pioneer succumbed to a severe attack of pneumonia.

Ohl was 70 years of age, and had resided in Cochise county continuously for over 35 years, being engaged in the mercantile and cattle business since his arrival in the county in the eighties.

THREE PERSONS DIE WHEN TRAIN CRASHES AUTO NEAR KINGMAN

KINGMAN, Dec. 10.—Three persons were instantly killed and one badly injured early this morning when the automobile in which the four passengers were riding was struck by Santa Fe train No. 21, at a grade crossing about 20 miles south of here. The dead are: Mrs. Eldon Baughn, W. A. Neal, Jr., and Charles H. Scott. Eldon Baughn suffered a broken leg and other severe injuries.

The automobile was closed, owing to the cold wind, and the driver did not see the approaching train until it hit the machine. The dead bodies and car wreckage were strewn along the right of way.

Mr. Neal was a member of the fifth Arizona legislature and a prominent Mohave county cattleman. He served overseas with the American army. Scott was a pioneer prospector of this section. Mrs. Baughn was the wife of a Kingman bookkeeper.

Phoenix—Yairy industry steadily regaining position as important state product.

Globe—Dripping Springs Copper Copper company to diamond drill two 1000 foot holes.

FOR SALE—Ten or 12 head of high grade polled Hereford yearlings not bred; also 1922 calf crop except 15 or 20 top heifers; also 60 to 75 head of steers, heifers and bulls, two thirds of which are polled; prices on application to T. B. Stark, Dos Cabezas, Ariz. —E6w01

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